



Whitefriars School Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome to Year 1!

Your children's class teachers are: **Miss Haran, Miss Hodges and Miss Qaisrani**

Our **topic** this term will be '**Why did humans and dinosaurs never meet?**'. The children will be learning new skills, such as learning about the difference between a herbivore and a carnivore, the lifecycle of a dinosaur, and how fossils were discovered. Then, after half term, we will be learning '**How are stories told?**' The children will learn performance and oration skills, and develop their design and technology skills.

In **English**, we will be learning about a range of dinosaur themed stories and describing the characters. It would be great if you could encourage your child to visit Wealdstone library and borrow story books which capture your children's interests. Sharing them with your child which will add to their enjoyment and help improve their reading skills. Remember to practise writing at home too, your child could help you write your grocery list.

In **Maths**, we will be learning about place value. Children will be learning how to sequence numbers by counting forwards and backwards to 100, and sequencing in 2s, 5s, and 10s. You can help us by practising counting with your child at home and helping them to practise knowing which number is greater or less than another.

In **PE**, we will be practicing our balance and coordination skills. Children will be learning different types of jumps and how to change directions while moving. After half term we will be learning the football skills of dribbling, passing and shooting.

Home Learning will be set on **Friday** and be expected back on **Tuesday**. Please encourage and help your child to complete their home learning tasks. Every Friday your child will have a spelling test based on the previous week's home learning spellings so please practise with your child daily: **LOOK** at the word, **SAY** the word, **COVER** the word you are trying to write, **WRITE** the word, **CHECK** if you spelt it correctly!

It would really help your child's progress if you were able to:

- Listen to your child read daily, and discuss the characters' actions, the settings of the story and ask him / her questions about what is happening or might happen next in the story.
- Help your child to complete their Home Learning tasks each week to the best of their ability.
- Talk to your child about what he/she has enjoyed and learned that day.
- Ensure your child has plenty of sleep and a nutritious breakfast, ready for their brains to engage in superb learning!
- Help your child to practise the words in your child's spelling list, ready for their weekly spelling test!

If you ever need to contact us please email us:
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Thank you for your support!